GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION
PARSURAM MAJHI;RAMSINH PATALIYABHAI RATHWA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments for construction of houses for the economically weaker section of the society and have demanded for more funds for the purpose during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria followed for allocation of funds to States under rural housing schemes ;

(c) whether funds for these schemes have been released; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which funds likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement as referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 208 to be answered on 16.12.2003

(a) & (b) Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), central assistance is provided to the BPL households belonging to SC/ST (60%) and others (40%). To the other economically weaker sections assistance is provided under the Credit-cum-subsidy Scheme under which Rs.10,000/- is provided as subsidy and upto Rs.40,000/- is provided by the Financial Institutions as loan.During the year 2002-2003, the proposals for additional assistance were received from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Tripura andUttaranchal. A total amount of Rs. 285.36 crore has been released additionally to all the States except Assam, Bihar and Tripura. Besides, Rs. 32.20 crore has also been released to various States on account of better performance. During current financial year 2003-2004, this Ministry has received a proposal from the States of Chattisgarh and Orissa but the same could not be agreed to as the concerned districts of these States could not lift the 2nd instalment of IAY funds.

Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Central assistance is allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of poverty ratio and housing shortage, with each of these variables being given equal weightage. The poverty ratios prepared by the Planning Commission are used for this purpose, while housing shortage is determined on the basis of last Census 1991. The proportion of rural SC/ST population and housing shortage in a district to the total rural SC/ST population and housing shortage in the State/UT is the criteria of inter-district allocation of the IAY funds within a State/UT. Once again both these variables are given equal weightage. Diversion of resources from one district to another is strictly prohibited. 80% of the total funds are allocated for new construction and the remaining 20% funds are allocated for upgradation of existing kutcha houses and/or Credit based Subsidy Scheme.

The other Rural Housing schemes namely Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development and Rural Building Centre are project based and therefore, no State wise allocation is made against these schemes.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Under the IAY, during 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, Rs. 1628.53 crore and Rs. 1207.18 crore respectively have been released to the States/UTs. Under the Innovative Stream for Rural Housing & Habitat Development, Rs. 10.22 crore and Rs.7.27 crore have been released during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively. Under the Rural Building Centre (RBC), Rs. 1.79 crore and Rs. 0.59 crore have been released during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively.